



2012 Cruise Companion and Shore Excursions

## Tulips & Windmills



## Dear Valued Traveler,

Welcome to Uniworld Boutique River Cruises. We want to do everything we can to ensure you have the most enjoyable and worry-free vacation possible.

With that in mind, we have prepared this booklet for you, so you can plan your trip with the greatest of ease. Consider it a guideline to help you get ready for your upcoming trip. It contains valuable tips and advice on what to pack, your flight and transfer experience, onboard information, day-to-day details, and much more.











Thank you for selecting Uniworld Boutique River Cruises. We look forward to hosting you onboard our beautifully appointed ships and making your vacation the most memorable and enjoyable experience possible.

Sincerely,  
The Uniworld Team

## Symbols and Icons

In the following pages, you will find these symbols to help guide you with the daily excursions. You will get an idea of the pace of the excursions; you will find out if meals are provided, and you will learn about any special excursions, such as wine tastings, museum visits, or music concerts.

### Uniworld Signature Icons

	Embark/Disembark		Wine Tasting
	Motorcoach		Museum Visit
	Flight		Music Concert
	Choice is Yours	<b>CB/BB</b>	Continental/Buffer Breakfast
	Uniworld Exclusive	<b>L</b>	Lunch
	Dining Out	<b>D</b>	Dinner
	Welcome/Farewell Dinner		

### Shore Excursion Symbols

All tours involve walking unless strictly noted as a panoramic tour. In many cases, the walking takes place over uneven ground, cobblestone, or flagstone walkways, and more than a few tours involve stairs or short uphill climbs. We strongly recommend that our guests wear comfortable, non-skid walking shoes while on all of our tours. The symbols below are provided alongside each tour to give you an idea of what to expect on each program.



Easy walking throughout tour, including walking 15 minutes or less from multiple motorcoach stops to, and while in, historical sights. Possibly some steps, or gentle uphill and downhill walks.



Intermediate activity, including walks of up to two hours on uneven terrain. Limited seating at sites. Multiple stairs and/or uphill/downhill walking.



Most strenuous activity with a combined walking duration at all sites of up to two and a half hours. Many stairs and uphill/downhill passages. Those with physical limitations and those who may need assistance with private arrangements need to contact the Cruise Manager when onboard.

### Tour Duration Symbols

Each tour varies in length. The darkened areas of the symbols indicate approximate tour duration.



¼ Day AM



¼ Day PM



¾ Day



½ Day AM



½ Day PM



Full Day

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# Cruise Companion

## Helpful Hints Before You Go

### Travel Documents

**Passports:** All Uniworld river cruise/tours require a passport. In most cases, passports must be valid for six months after the scheduled return date from the trip. Some itineraries will require visas. Each guest is fully responsible for obtaining and carrying the travel documents necessary for his or her travel itinerary. Uniworld will not be responsible for any delays, damages, and/or losses, including missed portions of your trip, related to improper travel documents.

Visa requirements on this itinerary for US and Canadian citizens can be found at the end of this booklet, in the section marked "About Your Uniworld Cruise Package," or on the Uniworld website, [uniworld.com](http://uniworld.com), in the "Before You Go" section. Non-US or Canadian citizens must contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their particular trip. Uniworld's website provides information on obtaining the required visa through Zierer Visa Service as a courtesy only.

**Passenger Information Form:** By now, you should have completed the Uniworld Passenger Information Form. The information on this form is used to comply with certain foreign government and airline security restrictions in advance of your arrival onboard our ships. If you have completed this form, we thank you for your prompt attention. If you have not completed this form, please visit our website at [uniworld.com](http://uniworld.com) and complete the online Passenger Information Form in the "Before You Go" section. Each guest must complete the form.

**Travel Protection:** Uniworld strongly recommends that each guest purchase a Travel Protection Plan. Please carry all policy information with you during the course of your trip.

### Cruise Documentation

Uniworld sends all final cruise and air documents between 21 to 30 days prior to your trip departure, provided that Uniworld has received a completed and signed Passenger Information Form and your booking is paid-in-full. All documents are sent via a priority mail delivery service, such as UPS or Federal Express.

#### Final Documentation Includes:

- Cruise Ticket
- Passenger Ticket Contract (this is binding on each guest)
- Airline Tickets or E-Ticket Confirmation (if international air ticket was purchased from Uniworld)
- Cruise Companion
- Baggage Tags
- Leave-Behind Communication Card
- Travel Protection Plan Pamphlet (if Uniworld travel protection was purchased)
- Pre-/Post-Optional Cruise Extension Information (if trip extension was purchased)

### Baggage Limitations

Airline baggage restrictions change frequently and each guest needs to check with their specific air carrier for limitations concerning baggage weight, baggage size, carry-on regulations, and excess baggage or overweight charges. This information can be found on the carrier's website. Remember to check for both international (over the water) and domestic (intra-continental) regulations, as limitations differ depending on flight routings. Overweight or excess baggage charges vary, and guests who exceed an airline's recommended limit may be asked by the airline to pay fees ranging from \$25 to \$80 US Dollars (USD), or possibly more, per infraction.

If your cruise/tour program includes a flight between Bucharest and Istanbul, please note that the domestic airline allows one suitcase per person, not to exceed 23kg (50 pounds). Suitcases weighing more than 23kg will be assessed an overweight fee by the airline ranging from €50 to €100. A second suitcase weighing up to 23kg will be assessed a flat fee of €50.

*Please note: € = Euro*

Onboard the ships and motorcoaches, storage space is very limited. Therefore, for your comfort and convenience on the cruise as well as on pre- or post-cruise land stays, we ask that you bring one (1) suitcase per person and one (1) carry-on bag per person (excluding purses). Please note there may be a fee assessed on-site for excess baggage.

Keep an eye on your baggage and all personal belongings—they are your responsibility throughout the trip. Uniworld is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to baggage and personal belongings. A Travel Protection Plan covering lost, stolen, or damaged baggage is highly recommended.

## Travel Essentials

The following items are essential to any destination: comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, a hat, an umbrella, and a lightweight raincoat or outerwear garment appropriate to the seasonal weather conditions. It is recommended that you bring duplicates of prescription eyewear, copies of prescriptions for any medicine, copies of credit card information, and copies of passport information pages. Make sure that your baggage has identification tags both inside and outside with your contact information and address clearly marked. Do not pack valuables or important medication in your checked baggage. You should carry any valuables and important medication with you in your carry-on baggage. Please contact your air carrier for any additional regulations.

## Health and Mobility

**Physical Limitations:** Uniworld trips are exciting, relatively active vacations. While there will be plenty of time to relax, there will also be much to see and do. Your included excursions generally require an extensive amount of walking, as well as navigation of numerous steps and cobblestone streets. On shore excursions, guests with physical limitations will find access to sites generally restrictive. For your safety and enjoyment, we recommend that all guests be in good physical condition. In addition, river ships, while spacious and elegant, are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and most do not have elevators. Uniworld, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to refuse passage or to require

a current passenger to end their trip if the passenger's state of health or physical condition may affect their own health, safety, and enjoyment, or that of other passengers.

**Medical:** Uniworld does not employ staff nurses or doctors onboard its ships. Nor can the onboard Gift Shop carry medications that are sold over the counter in the US because most European nations allow the sale of medications by licensed pharmacies only. Should you need medical attention, it will be at local facilities, at your own expense. Uniworld is not responsible for any costs incurred as a result of medical service, or for the quality of medical care received. A Travel Protection Plan covering medical expenses is highly recommended.

**Special Diets:** Please advise us in advance of your departure of any special dietary restrictions. This information will be provided to the proper personnel. To the extent possible, and in consideration of local conditions, every effort will be made to accommodate your needs. It is the guest's responsibility to provide us with as much detail as necessary concerning any medically related diet concerns. Not all dietary requests can be accommodated, and we appreciate your understanding in this matter.

## General Money Matters

**ATMs:** ATMs connected to bank networks such as PLUS or Cirrus are widely available in most major metropolitan areas, in airports, city centers, and, in some instances, hotels. Fees for transactions vary. ATMs are not available onboard the ships. Your bank can tell you which network your ATM card can access, and whether a debit or credit card must be used. Make sure you have the correct PIN for the card you plan to use before leaving home, as the PIN is required for all money withdrawals. It is also recommended that you bring an overseas contact number for your bank or credit card company in case you require assistance while traveling.

**Credit Cards and Traveler's Checks:** Most major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express) are accepted worldwide. Credit cards are also accepted onboard.

There may be some stores or locations where cash is preferred (especially for small purchases) or a particular credit card cannot be used for purchases. We recommend bringing at least one major credit card, as well as an ATM card that is both a debit and credit card. We do not recommend bringing Traveler's Checks, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to cash them at local banks. Also, we recommend that you do not carry Euro bills in denominations greater than €100, as many merchants are hesitant to accept them due to counterfeiting. Local banks can break larger bills into smaller denominations for you.

Please contact your bank and/or credit card companies to let them know that you will be leaving the country to avoid any problems using your credit card(s) overseas.

## Getting There

### Airport Security and Check-In

It is advisable to contact the airline in advance of your departure to verify that there have been no changes to the flight number or schedule found on your travel documents. After your travel documents are issued and sent to you, Uniworld is not responsible for notifying guests of any changes in flight schedules.

Please make sure you arrive at the airport at least two and a half (2.5) hours prior to your scheduled departure to complete check-in and security procedures. For peak travel times, you may even want to arrive three (3) hours prior to your scheduled departure time.

### Transfers

**Airport Arrival Transfers:** If your cruise/tour package includes a group arrival transfer (and your flights coincide with our transfer guidelines) or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship or hotel. Transfers are only provided on the actual start day of the cruise or cruise/tour. Those guests with a Pre-Cruise Extension will also be met by a Uniworld representative at the airport of the city in which the extension is to take place (for the Lucerne Extension, the airport used is Basel, Switzerland). You will be met as you exit the secure customs area. Please claim all of your baggage before exiting the baggage claim area. Porterage services are not included at the airport. From the airport, you'll be transferred to the ship or your hotel.

Please note that transfers are non-refundable. There may be a waiting period for scheduled airport transfers, depending on groupings of flight arrivals. This wait can be up to two (2) hours. Uniworld will not be responsible for late arrivals or missed transfers due to delayed, changed, canceled, missed flights, for missed cruise/trip days, or for extra costs resulting from delayed, changed, canceled, or missed flights.

In accordance with Uniworld's transfer guidelines, all guests making their own flight arrangements are required to provide Uniworld with their flight information and pre-trip arrangements no later than 45 days prior to departure in order to receive transfers. For complete details, please see the Terms and Conditions section of our current brochure or our website, [uniworld.com](http://uniworld.com).

Guests who have purchased extra nights with hotel stays will be provided private transfers as part of the extra night purchase as long as Uniworld has received their flight information no later than 45 days prior to departure.

If your cruise/tour package does not contain transfers (i.e., for flights outside Uniworld's transfer guidelines or if flight details have not been communicated to Uniworld in time), then please make your own way from the ship or hotel as per your trip itinerary at your own expense.

**Airport Departure Transfers:** If your cruise/tour package includes a group departure transfer (and your flights coincide with our transfer guidelines) or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. Transfers are only provided on the actual end day of the cruise or cruise/tour. For those guests with a Post-Cruise Extension, you will be transferred from the ship to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport accordingly. Porterage services are not included at the airport.

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Depending on arrival or departure transfer times, transfers may include sightseeing en route.

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If your cruise/tour package does not contain transfers (i.e., for flights outside Uniworld's transfer guidelines or if flight details have not been communicated to Uniworld in time), then please make your own way from the ship or hotel as per your trip itinerary at your own expense.

**Private Car Transfers:** Guests who make independent flight arrangements and arrive outside Uniworld's transfer guidelines can purchase private car transfers from Uniworld at an additional cost. Private car transfers are only available on the cruise/tour start and end dates.

Please ask your travel agent or Uniworld for details. In some locations, private transfers are not available due to the distance between the airport arrival city and the port of embarkation and disembarkation.

### Cruise-Only Guests and Guests with Independent

**Arrangements:** For guests who are making their own way to the ship and who are not using Uniworld's transfer options, we strongly suggest that you call the ship to determine its exact location before proceeding to the dock. The ship's telephone number will be shown on your Cruise Ticket. Docking assignments for river cruise vessels can change at the last minute, and the information provided on your Cruise Ticket about the expected docking location could be incorrect on your day of arrival. It is not possible for Uniworld to notify guests making their own way to the ship of any last-minute changes.

Cruise-only guests may join Uniworld's group transfers or may purchase private transfers for the cruise/tour start and end dates. However, independent flight arrangements must be made in accordance with Uniworld's transfer guidelines, which are coordinated with the ship's required time of embarkation and disembarkation for all guests and must be provided to Uniworld no later than 45 days prior to departure.

**Late Flight Arrivals/Missed Flights:** If your package includes a Uniworld arrival transfer and you experience a travel delay of any kind, please adhere to the following instructions:

Advise an airline representative at the airport that you are a cruise passenger set to sail that day or the following day. Typically, airlines are able to arrange alternative flights for passengers to continue with their travel to the point of embarkation.

Upon arrival in the cruise or tour-start city, after you have cleared customs look for the Uniworld representative outside the customs area. If your flight arrangements were drastically altered, it is unlikely that the ground staff will be notified in time of your specific flight changes. And, due to security protocols enacted post September 11, 2001, airlines very rarely provide updated flight information to third parties.

If you cannot find the Uniworld representative, please contact the Transfer Provider in your arrival city. Their contact information is shown in the transfer section of your Cruise Ticket. If unable to match you up with a scheduled group transfer, the Transfer Provider will ask you to make your own way to the ship or hotel at your own expense. Costs incurred due to missed transfers are the responsibility of the guest, and, in most cases, compensation can be obtained from your travel protection plan provider or airline carrier.

If your delay is serious enough that you miss the starting point of your cruise, you will need to get to the next stop

on the ship's itinerary at your own expense. Using the ship's phone number shown on your Cruise Ticket, please contact the ship for its exact location on your revised date of arrival. The ship's personnel will advise you of the best course of action. Uniworld is not responsible for missed transfers or additional costs incurred in getting to the next destination due to missed or delayed flight arrangements.

**Baggage Delays:** Baggage delays do unfortunately occur from time to time, especially during peak travel periods. First and foremost, do not leave the baggage area without completing a Lost Baggage Report with your air carrier. This report is essential to the tracking of your claim. If traveling with a companion, we recommend that one (1) person exit the baggage claim area and locate the transfer representative to inform them of the situation. This will allow the representative to ensure that transfers are properly provided. Give the air carrier a copy of your travel itinerary and the ship's contact information. Report your lost baggage to the Uniworld representative and provide your Uniworld Cruise Manager with a copy of your Lost Baggage Report. This will assist our staff in helping to locate your baggage as quickly as possible. Uniworld is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to baggage and/or personal belongings. A protection plan covering lost, stolen, or damaged baggage is available through the Uniworld Travel Protection Plan.

### Pre-/Post-Cruise Included or Optional Hotel/Land Extensions

All Uniworld land programs are fully hosted and include daily breakfast, transfers, and portage (at hotels only). Most feature at least one (1) special sightseeing program. Guests on a pre-cruise/tour land extension will receive a welcome briefing from the on-site Uniworld representative the evening of the first day of the extension. This briefing will familiarize you with the scheduled program and provide additional information about optional excursion programs, dining recommendations, and shopping tips. Guests on a post-cruise/tour land extension will receive their briefing onboard, and a local Uniworld host will be on hand during your stay to provide information and assistance. Details of your pre- or post-cruise/tour land stay or optional extension are included with your final documents.

Please note that every effort is made to ensure that your hotel room is available and ready for occupancy upon your arrival at the hotel. This is not always possible due to differences in hotel check-in/check-out times and scheduled airport-to-hotel or ship-to-hotel transfers. A short wait for your room to become available may be necessary.

## Embarkation/Disembarkation

**Embarkation:** If sailing time is 8:00 pm or later, guests are to embark no later than 6:00 pm. If sailing time is scheduled between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm, guests are to embark no later than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled sailing time.

On embarkation day, the ship is being cleaned and prepared for your arrival. Most of the ship's facilities, including your stateroom, will not be available before 3:00 pm. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Should you arrive at the ship earlier than 3:00 pm, you may leave your baggage at the Front Desk and take a walk in the area or relax in the lounge. Please keep your hand baggage with you at all times. Complimentary coffee, water, and light snacks will be available in the lounge for your enjoyment.

**Disembarkation:** About two (2) evenings before your departure from the ship, your Cruise Manager will brief all guests about what to expect on the morning of disembarkation and what time to have baggage available for pick-up, and to distribute any documentation necessary to make your departure as smooth as possible.

All guests must vacate their staterooms no later than 8:00 am the day of disembarkation so the staff and crew can prepare for the next group of guests. Breakfast hours are coordinated around airport transfer times, which, in some cases, can be very early in the morning. It is not unusual in some destinations to have airport transfers as early as 4:00 am. In such cases, we will provide guests with coffee, tea, juices, and pastries from our 24-hour coffee station.

Guests staying onboard for an additional cruise might have sightseeing included on this day, or will have time at leisure for their continued enjoyment of the destination. In some destinations, optional excursions will be available on this day.

## About Your Uniworld Cruise Package and Onboard Services

### Bicycles and Nordic Walking Sticks

Complimentary bicycles and Nordic walking sticks are available for your onshore enjoyment. Bicycle and walking paths are easily accessible from some of the ports of call. Your Cruise Manager can offer recommendations. The bicycles and walking sticks can only be reserved through the Front Desk one (1) day in advance of the time you wish to use them (or on the day-of if available). The number of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks available is limited and their use is solely at your own risk. You must sign a release form prior to using bicycles or Nordic walking sticks.

## Dining

The onboard Restaurant provides a relaxed environment and accommodates all guests with open seating. It offers both local and international cuisine. Breakfast and lunch are sumptuous buffets, while evenings feature specialties of the chef and regional dishes. During lunches and dinners onboard, complimentary soft drinks, beer, and red and white wine will be served. Complimentary water, hot coffee, and tea will be served at all meals onboard. Complimentary beverages may only be consumed in the Restaurant.

In addition, *al fresco* dining may be available on the Sun Deck on scheduled nights, weather permitting. Reservations are necessary, as space is limited. Reservations can only be made onboard the ship.

All meal times are scheduled around tour departures, and breakfast can take place very early in the morning.

Please notify Uniworld immediately if you have any special dietary concerns or considerations that need to be taken into account while traveling with us. We will do our best to ensure that your request is accommodated but we cannot guarantee that this will happen in all cases.

## Elevators

Most of our ships sailing the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers are equipped with an elevator that services all decks except the Sun Deck. On select vessels, a chair lift is available to aid in accessing the Sun Deck. On the *River Queen*, the elevator does not service the Moselle Deck. The *River Ambassador* does not have an elevator. It only has a chair lift from the Restaurant to the Reception area and from the entrance to the ship up to the Sun Deck.

## Fitness Center

The Fitness Center hours of operation are generally from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, but may be adjusted based on each day's program. Use of the fitness equipment is at your own risk.

## Front Desk

The Front Desk operates 24 hours a day. The Night Receptionist will make hourly safety checks of the ship.

## Gift Shop

There is a gift shop onboard with a limited selection of toiletries, souvenirs, and other sundries. All purchases are charged to your shipboard account. The hours of operation are adjusted to each day's program.

*Please note: No over-the-counter medications are available, in accordance with European laws.*

## Gratuities

**Onboard:** It is our goal to ensure that the service you receive is as wonderful as the sites you visit. Gratuities are customary expressions of appreciation for a job well done. The amount of the gratuity you choose to give is entirely subject to your satisfaction with your travel experience. To assist you in determining the amount of your gratuities, we recommend the following as a guideline:

- Ship staff and crew: €10 per guest, per day, to be shared among all staff and crew
- Cruise Manager: €3 per guest, per day
- Local host or hostess for included or optional extensions: €3 per guest, per day
- Local guides: from €1 per guest for a half-day tour to €1 to €2 per guest for a full-day tour
- Drivers: €1 per guest, per day

*Please note: € = Euro*

The above is solely a guideline. The amount you give should depend upon your personal experience and level of satisfaction. Gratuities can be billed to onboard accounts and paid with a credit card or cash (cash is accepted in Euro or USD only), so please ensure that you have enough cash on hand for this expense if paying by cash. Please note that personal checks cannot be accepted.

## Health and Hygiene

As part of our commitment to a clean, safe, and healthy onboard environment, Uniworld practices a strict sanitization protocol on our ships. To assist us in this important matter, we kindly ask all guests to frequently wash their hands and to consistently use the hand sanitizer machines when entering the ship and when entering the Restaurant. The machines are located just inside the main entrance to the ship and at the entrance to the Restaurant. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important matter.

## Ice Machine

For your convenience, a self-service ice machine is located on each ship, and an ice bucket is provided in your stateroom.

## Internet Facilities

Our Internet Corner allows you to send and receive emails and to access the Internet using our computer stations. In addition, you may use your own laptop computer to access our Wireless Internet Service (Wi-Fi). Wi-Fi access is only available in the Main Lounge and Captain's Lounge. Use of the Internet Corner and Wi-Fi service is complimentary.

Please note the Internet connection might not be available in remote areas or when transiting locks. Expect the connectivity speed to be slower than your home connection.

## Key Cards

A magnetic key card will be issued to each guest at the time of check-in. The key card can be used to open your stateroom as well as the main entrance to the ship. On the *River Beatrice* and *River Ambassador*, magnetic key cards are not used; standard keys will be issued instead.

## Laundry

A launderette containing a self-service washing machine, dryer, and iron is available for your use (detergent is available for a minimal fee at the Front Desk). There are no dry cleaning facilities. The ship also provides washing, drying, and ironing services for a fee.

*Please note: There is no self-service launderette on the River Ambassador.*

## Local and Onboard Money Matters

Currency in the following countries is the Euro: Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Slovakia, and the Netherlands.

The Euro comes in banknote denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500. One Euro is divided into 100 cents, and coin denominations are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 cent or 1 Euro and 2 Euro.

Currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc. The Swiss Franc is available in banknotes, which bear the value of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, or 1,000 Francs. International currencies can be exchanged at banks and foreign exchange dealers while on tour in Switzerland. You will need to show your passport as proof of identity for foreign exchange transactions. All popular credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted widely in shops, airports, railway stations, and other payment centers across Switzerland.

Currency in Hungary is the Forint, which comes in banknote denominations of 200, 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 Forints. Hotels, banks, and bureau de changes can all be used for currency exchanges, along with some restaurants, airports, railway stations, and travel agencies. All currency exchange receipts should be retained in case they need to be presented to officials. ATMs are available in most towns, and the vast majority of international credit cards are accepted in larger establishments.

Currency in the Czech Republic is the Koruna. Notes come in denominations of 5,000, 2,000, 1,000, 500, 200, 100, 50 and 20. Bureau de changes are available nationwide, and money can be exchanged in banks, at road border crossing points, and by authorized dealers. ATMs are widespread throughout the Czech Republic and most major international credit and debit cards are accepted.

Currency in Serbia is the New Yugoslav Dinar. Notes come in denominations of 5,000, 1,000, 200, 100, 50, 20, and 10. Currency can be exchanged at bureau de changes and in exchange machines in Belgrade. Traveler's Checks are not widely accepted and cash is recommended instead. ATMs are available, though the number accepting international credit and debit cards is low. Credit and debit cards may be accepted in larger hotels and restaurants, though acceptance is not widespread.

Currency in Romania is the Leu. Notes come in denominations of 500, 100, 50, 10, 5, and 1. Currency can be exchanged at banks and at authorized dealers, as well as in a lot of shops, hotels, and restaurants. All receipts should be kept in case they are required by customs or other officials. Traveler's Checks are accepted in larger hotels and banks, but not many other places. To avoid additional charges, Traveler's Checks should be made out in US Dollars or Euro. ATMs are becoming more popular, though they are not widespread. Credit and debit cards may be accepted in larger hotels and restaurants, though their use is not widespread.

Currency in Bulgaria is the Lev. The Lev is tied to the Euro at a fixed rate of 1 = Lev 1.955. Notes are in denominations of 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1. With the exception of some larger establishments in Sofia, credit and debit cards are not universally accepted and cash remains the preferred currency. However, ATMs are becoming increasingly popular where Visa and MasterCard can be used to withdraw cash. Money can also be exchanged in bureau de changes and banks. Lev notes dated 1997 and earlier are now out of circulation, but unscrupulous money changers may offer these, as well as

advertise misleading exchange rates, so it is advisable to only use official outlets.

Currency in Croatia is the Kuna. Notes come in denominations of 1,000, 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5. Bureau de changes are available across the country and money can be exchanged in banks, at post offices and by authorized dealers. Traveler's Checks are accepted, though to avoid additional conversion charges these should be in US Dollars, Pounds Sterling, or Euro. ATMs are widespread throughout Croatia. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Uniworld features a "cashless" environment onboard, and all charges are billed directly to each guest's shipboard account. The onboard currency of our ships is the Euro. While onboard, guests can sign for all purchases, and pay their balance at the end of the cruise with a credit card, including American Express, MasterCard, and Visa. Credit cards will be charged in Euro. Please check with your bank before departing home.

Alternatively, if paying by cash, the currency accepted onboard for settlement of final bills is the Euro or US Dollar (total amount will be converted into US Dollars based on the onboard exchange rate).

The ships do not have ATMs, but ATMs linked to major bank networks can be found throughout Europe. Most debit or major credit cards can be used for cash withdrawals ashore. Limited currency exchange is available onboard for the exchange of cash only. Credit cards cannot be accepted for money exchange. All hotels and major tourist sites have exchange facilities.

Please note that currency-exchange transactions and ATM cash withdrawals always involve transaction fees. It is always best to inquire about the fee before exchanging any money. ATMs will typically ask you if you accept the fee before enabling the transaction.

## Lounges

The Lounge provides spectacular, expansive views at every turn. Relax in the comfort of soft chairs and sofas upholstered in fine fabrics and leathers. Enjoy our full-service bar and dance the night away to the piano tunes of our onboard musician.

The intimate Captain's Lounge provides a delightful atmosphere in which to read a book from our Library or to play cards or games. The *River Ambassador* does not feature a Captain's Lounge, and the Library is integrated into the Main Lounge.

The Patio Lounge offers a casual atmosphere with comfortable chairs and tables. Complimentary coffee and tea are available here 24 hours a day.

You'll find a pleasant, glass-enclosed Sky Lounge complete with tables and chairs on the Sun Deck of many Uniworld ships. Here, you can enjoy panoramic views of the river while being completely sheltered from the elements. The *River Ambassador* and *River Beatrice* do not have Sky Lounges but feature partially covered Sun Decks, while the *River Queen* has a fully open Sun Deck.

**Corkage Fee:** You are welcome to bring onboard the ship alcoholic beverages that you bought onshore. These beverages may be enjoyed in the staterooms and in the Restaurant free of charge. However, if you would like to consume these beverages in the Lounge or Bar areas, we will charge a €5.00 corkage fee. If you received a bottle of wine or champagne that was purchased through Uniworld as a bon voyage gift, you may bring this beverage to the Lounge or Bar area to enjoy without a corkage fee.

## Mail

Stamps are available for purchase at the Front Desk. Mail is posted daily unless local mail facilities are not available.

## Mooring and Docking Facilities

Local river authorities allocate docking space around ship arrivals and departures in port. Typically, river ships always dock facing upstream. Occasionally port conditions require ships to tie up alongside each other, in which case guests may be required to walk through another ship to get to their own ship. This is part of the river cruise experience and is perfectly normal and beyond the control of Uniworld. Guests may experience obstructed views from staterooms when the ship is docked.

## Safety Deposit Box

Each stateroom onboard and hotel room onshore comes equipped with a safe. We urge you to leave valuable jewelry at home. We are not responsible for any valuables left in your stateroom. Any charge to return "lost and found" property onboard will be at the owner's expense. Please beware of pickpockets when ashore.

## Shopping

Time for shopping is usually but not always allowed for within the framework of most of the sightseeing programs. Actual time available for shopping may be limited due to tour constraints. Keep in mind that many shops in Europe may be closed on

Sundays and holidays. Shopping recommendations can be made by your Cruise Manager and shipboard staff. Larger stores accept most major credit cards. Market vendors and small stores will usually only accept local currency. It is a good idea to take a small amount of cash for on-the-spot gratuities or for purchasing souvenirs or sundries.

## Shore Excursions

Each cruise/tour program includes comprehensive shore excursions led by a local English-speaking guide; these excursions have been designed to provide you with the best possible experience ashore. From time to time, we also offer optional excursions designed to enhance the range of sightseeing already included in your cruise program. These optional excursions are available for purchase when you are onboard the ship. Your Cruise Manager will provide details about the reservation process at your Welcome Briefing. All tours purchased onboard are billed to your shipboard account and can be paid when settling your final bill. Optional excursions are subject to cancellation if a minimum number of participants is not met.

A complete day-by-day shore excursion itinerary is provided in this booklet. Details for your particular itinerary can also be found at [uniworld.com](http://uniworld.com).

## Smoking

The ship enjoys a non-smoking environment in all public areas and in the staterooms. Smoking is only allowed on designated parts of the Sun Deck, which are marked on the deck plan in your room directory.

## Stateroom Amenities

Every riverview stateroom includes an individual thermostat for air-conditioning and/or heat, a flat-screen TV, an internal telephone, a safety deposit box, and a bathroom stocked with L'Occitane bath and body products, a luxurious bathrobe for each guest, complimentary bottled water, a hair dryer, and an umbrella. Electrical current is 220V, the European standard; however, each stateroom has one 110V outlet. The majority of staterooms have hotel beds that can be positioned separately or together. Your stateroom will be serviced by your Stateroom Attendant on a daily basis. Security and maintenance checks may also be performed. Butler service is available in the Suites and Owner's Suite onboard the *River Beatrice* and *S.S. Antoinette*.

## Sun Deck Access

For safety reasons, access to the Sun Deck or Sky Lounge may be limited during the Main-Danube-Canal transit, while passing through areas with low bridges, and during inclement weather.

## Visa Requirements

No visas are required for US or Canadian citizens on most of the itineraries shown in this book. Non-US or non-Canadian citizens must contact each consulate of the country or countries to be visited for specific requirements. However, US and Canadian citizens will need a Turkish visa if traveling to Istanbul. Canadian citizens may also need a Czech visa for travel to the Czech Republic. More information for US citizens and Canadian citizens can also be found at [uniworld.com](http://uniworld.com) in the “Before You Go” section.

Obtaining and carrying the proper documents, including passports, is the sole responsibility of the guest. Uniworld will not be responsible for any delays, damages, and/or losses, including missed portions of your cruise/tour, that are related to improper travel documentation. All guests are strongly advised to obtain necessary visas well in advance to avoid unnecessary expedited-processing charges.

Whenever using a visa service, it is highly recommended that you provide the service with a copy of your entire travel itinerary. There are times when multiple-entry visas may be required or there are restrictions to entering one country from another, depending on your nationality. If the service does not have your full itinerary, this may result in improperly issued documentation.

## Visitors

Visitors are generally not permitted onboard the ship and are not allowed to join any shore excursions. Please make arrangements to meet your friends and relatives onshore.

## Water

The tap water in each stateroom is safe for drinking. The ship has been outfitted with a sophisticated filtration system. In addition, bottled water is provided in your stateroom for your comfort.

## Weather

Today, weather forecasts are widely available at the click of a button on the Internet. Uniworld’s favorite resource for up-to-the-minute international weather is [weather.com](http://weather.com). Weather.com features a very informative vacation-planner tool that you may find useful.

## What to Wear

Prepare for a variety of weather conditions, depending on your travel season and the regions you will be cruising through. Layering clothing items is always your best bet, as this allows you to adjust to any temperature, including artificially maintained temperatures, by removing or adding items throughout the day.

Comfortable, sporty, smart-casual daywear is appropriate both onshore and onboard. Everyday slacks, khakis, walking shorts, and everyday skirts/dresses are recommended. For warmer temperatures, we suggest lightweight clothing that can be layered, such as a mix of sweaters, lightweight knit shirts, slacks, and walking shorts. For early spring and late fall departures, you’ll find sweatshirts, heavier cotton or wool tops and long-sleeved shirts, and corduroy or heavy khaki pants perfectly suitable. Mix-and-match color schemes work best to help keep baggage light. You will participate in a significant amount of walking over uneven terrain during your time ashore. We recommend comfortable walking shoes with good ankle support. Sturdy sandals are another good option.

For evenings, any resort-type wear is perfectly suitable; however, we do ask that you not wear shorts to dinner. Men may want to bring one sport jacket for dressier restaurant venues in places such as Paris and for special events onboard such as the Captain’s Welcome and Farewell festivities. Women find that a cocktail dress or two always comes in handy no matter the destination.

Don’t forget to pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket (preferably hooded), or even a heavier-weight windbreaker for colder temperatures.

## Omissions

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# Tulips & Windmills

Amsterdam to Antwerp | 10 Days

**Seas of flowers, picturesque windmills, and the balmy days of spring combine for a memorable cruise**

All the things that come to mind when you think of the Netherlands and Belgium—colorful canals, whimsical windmills, vibrant tulips, rich maritime history, the art of Rubens and Rembrandt—are yours to experience in all their real-life glory.





This perfectly paced springtime cruise takes you to the historic windmills of Kinderdijk; the Belgian treasures of Bruges or Ghent; the 70-acre Keukenhof Gardens, which boast more than seven million flowers; and museums rich in art by the famed Dutch masters. While visiting Enkhuizen and Hoorn, you'll discover the impressive maritime history of this proud seafaring region. Stroll through cosmopolitan Amsterdam and trendy Antwerp, and learn about Dutch art, WWII history, and the Netherlands' struggle against the sea on three guided museum visits. And, this year only, you can indulge in the horticultural paradise that is Floriade 2012: a spectacular international display of flowers, plants, art, culture, and pioneering architecture that happens just once every 10 years in the Netherlands—this year in Venlo.

## Day 1 | Amsterdam D


Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

## Day 2 | Amsterdam BB, L,

### Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:

Rijksmuseum visit    

### OR

Van Gogh Museum visit    

**Featured Excursion:** Amsterdam city tour with canal cruise

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Hidden Gardens of Amsterdam

Spend the first full day of your springtime adventure in Holland's largest city, Amsterdam, which is rich in art, architecture, bridges, canals, cobblestone streets, narrow alleyways, bicycles, beer, and museums. Here, even the simplest shop has a distinctive charm, and every street has a story to tell.

Begin your day with a guided tour of either the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh Museum. Afterward, enjoy a panoramic tour of Amsterdam and an exciting canal cruise. Amsterdam's waterways are an integral part of the city's history, and a canal cruise is the most relaxing way to see the city's breathtaking sights.

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Rijksmuseum visit

Hop aboard a motorcoach for a guided drive to the famed Rijksmuseum. Along the way you'll pass the majestic De Gooyer Windmill, an 18th-century grain mill that is one of just a handful of windmills remaining in and around Amsterdam. Once at the Rijksmuseum, you'll enjoy a guided tour of the largest and most renowned collection of Dutch and Flemish art and artifacts in the world. On display is Rembrandt's famous painting *The Night Watch*, as well as Vermeer's *The Kitchen Maid* and *Woman Reading a Letter*. After the tour, you'll have some time to explore the museum on your own before heading down to the Rijksmuseum pier to begin your canal cruise.

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Van Gogh Museum visit

During your guided motorcoach ride to the Van Gogh Museum you'll pass the 18th-century De Gooyer Windmill and the

Tropenmuseum (Tropical Museum), whose exhibits focus on the cultures of tropical areas around the world. You'll then take a guided tour of the Van Gogh Museum, which features more than 200 paintings by the Dutch Post-Impressionist master as well as drawings, etchings, prints, and correspondence. Although only one of Vincent Van Gogh's paintings sold during his lifetime, his work is now recognized as some of the most extraordinary of the 19th century. The museum will open early for you so you can beat the crowds on their way to see *The Potato Eaters*, *The Yellow House in Arles*, and several of his famous self-portraits. After your tour, enjoy free time in the museum before heading outside to set off on a fabulous canal cruise.

**Featured Excursion:** Amsterdam city tour with canal cruise

Board a glass-enclosed canal boat and embark on an expertly guided tour of Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North." You'll sail down Prinsengracht and Keizersgracht, two of the city's three main canals, which were dug in the 17th century, during the Dutch Golden Age. The canals are lined with stately historic houses and over 1,500 monumental buildings. Among the notable sights you'll see are the Anne Frank House and nearby Westerkerk (Western Church), which boasts the tallest church tower in Amsterdam. You'll sail to Amsterdam Harbor and continue on to Amstel River—the river that gave the city its name. Here you'll see the Magere Brug (Skinny Bridge), which you might recognize from the 1971 James Bond film *Diamonds Are Forever*, before disembarking.

Upon the conclusion of your canal cruise, you'll board a waiting motorcoach and return to your ship. Your scenic route will take you past more of Amsterdam's most memorable sights: expansive Dam Square, the historical center of Amsterdam and the site of Madame Tussauds wax museum; Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), a 15th-century church used for royal inaugurations and weddings; the former Jewish quarter with its Sephardic and Ashkenazi synagogues; the soaring white Nederlands Nationaal Monument (Dutch National Monument); and the Neoclassical Koninklijk Paleis (Royal Palace). You'll also see the Munttoren (Mint Tower)—which was originally a tower gate in Medieval Amsterdam's city wall and got its name from the years it spent as the city mint in the 17th century.

After lunch onboard, venture out to explore Amsterdam on your own in the afternoon. Visit the Anne Frank House or wander through the Jordaan district, where you'll find delightful little boutiques. Stop by the newly remodeled Maritime Museum; ramble through the Nieuwmarkt, which, despite its

name, is one of the oldest parts of the city; or tour the Royal Palace on Dam Square. Amsterdam is full of wonders waiting for you to uncover them.

Or you could join us for a walking discovery of some of the city's hidden gardens.

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Hidden Gardens of Amsterdam

You'll set out with your guide for the Museum Van Loon, a remarkable house museum that lets you see how wealthy Amsterdam merchant families have lived over the centuries. Willem Van Loon was a founder of the Dutch East India Company, and the family's history can be seen in the portraits, silver, porcelain and beautiful furniture found throughout the house. In the rear, a formal and very beautiful garden leads the eye to the classical façade of the coach house, which has just been turned into a gallery and newly opened to the public. This combination—house, garden, and coach house—makes the Museum Van Loon unique; no other house museum in the city has managed to keep all three elements intact.







Then we'll continue on foot, passing the floating flower market on Singel Canal, to the Begijnhof, a residential court dating to the 14th century that was founded by Beguines—religious women who formed communities devoted to good works, particularly the care of the sick, in the high Middle Ages. These women were not nuns; they retained their own property and could leave the community at will, though they took vows of chastity and attended mass daily. Each woman could have her own dwelling, and here in Amsterdam, the Beguines built town houses around a courtyard. Though the Beguines disbanded many centuries ago, their Begijnhof remains: a serene grassy courtyard surrounded by 47 town houses, including the oldest wooden house in Amsterdam. It's an oasis of quiet just steps from the city's bustle. You'll learn something of the Beguines' unique history before we continue to the Amsterdam Museum, where we'll take a break at the Mokum Café, located in a lovely colonnaded courtyard, for coffee and Dutch apple pie.

Following the tour, the guide will take you back to the ship or you can remain in the city center to explore further on your own.

*Note: The Museum Van Loon is closed on Tuesdays; we will visit the Willet-Holthuysen Mansion instead.*

A special Captain's Welcome Gala will be prepared for you this evening.

*Note: Sightseeing itinerary might be reversed depending upon availability of time slots at the Rijksmuseum.*

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:**Full-day Keukenhof Gardens   **OR**Half-day Zaanse Schans combined with half-day Keukenhof Gardens   

Today you'll get to visit one of the most photographed sites on the planet: Keukenhof Gardens, where spring bursts forth in all of its colorful, fragrant glory. The amount of time you spend at Keukenhof is up to you: true horticultural enthusiasts can make it a full-day outing, while those who are interested in discovering a bit more of Holland's history can spend a half day at Zaanse Schans—an extraordinary living-history village—before visiting the famed gardens. The choice is yours!

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Full-day Keukenhof Gardens

With seven million bulbs planted on 70 acres (28 ha), Keukenhof Gardens—which is open for only a few weeks each year—is one of the most impressive public gardens in the world. There are literally millions of beautiful, colorful blooms—narcissi, hyacinths, and tulips, among others—to see and smell. Local guides will be on hand to enlighten you about the features of this majestic park, but you'll have plenty of free time to explore the site's many exhibits—including the largest sculpture garden in the Netherlands—at your leisure.

More than 90% of the world's commercial flowers come from this region, and you can take in a boat ride through the growing fields that adjoin the park; you'll find the dock for the "whisper" boats behind the Keukenhof windmill. If you choose to do this, plan to spend an hour or so cruising almost silently along the shallow waterways, surrounded by acres of spectacular flowers.

After you've seen all of the vibrant blossoms and perhaps even bought some seeds or bulbs for growing your own beauties back home, you'll meet up with your guide and return to the ship in Zaandam.

*Note: If you're thinking about buying bulbs from Keukenhof or perhaps having items shipped home, make sure the vendor provides the documentation necessary for import of bulbs or plants into your home country. Rules for import of flower bulbs and plants vary from country to country.*

*Note: Box lunches will be provided to allow guests more time in Keukenhof Gardens.*

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Half-day Zaanse Schans combined with half-day Keukenhof Gardens

About 9 miles (14 km) north of Amsterdam, Zaanse Schans is a charming village on the banks of the river Zaan. Though it's often referred to as an open-air museum, Zaanse Schans is actually a living, working hamlet where the traditional crafts of the region are still practiced.




Even the Dutch call Zaanse Schans "Holland in a Nutshell," and they bring their children here to show them how their families lived a century ago. A short motorcoach ride will carry you back in time to this living-history village, complete with a working 17th-century windmill (the operator will take you on a tour of it, so you can see how it works from the inside). Traditional Dutch arts and crafts are preserved in the pretty houses lining the dike, and your guide will introduce you to some of the highlights. You can watch *klompen*, or wooden clogs, being made—go ahead, try on a pair; it's fun!—and visit a little cheese farm to see how cheese is made. You'll get to taste it, too. After the tour, stop by the distillery to see liquors being distilled with copper and glass retorts in the traditional way; you can also see how grocery stores and bakeries looked in 1900 by stepping into these re-created shops (and buy yourself a fresh-baked treat at the same time). You may find some irresistible souvenirs at these village shops as you wander around on your own.

You'll return to the ship for lunch before heading out to Keukenhof Gardens, where a guide will provide an introduction to the themed sections of the gardens. After that you can ramble the paths on your own. Take in the sights and scents of the millions of gorgeous blooms that surround you, and don't forget to check out the Walk of Fame, which features tulips named after well-known figures. At the end of the day you'll meet back up with your guide and return to the coach for your ride back to the ship.

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## Day 4 | Hoorn, Enkhuizen BB, L, D

**Featured Excursion:** Hoorn walking tour  

**Featured Excursion:** Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum   

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Bulb-grower experience



Today offers you a chance to discover the Netherlands' maritime history, with visits to two towns linked to the Dutch East India Company, which dominated Europe's trade with Asia for centuries, and to learn a little about the daily lives of the seafaring Dutch in the 19th century.

**Featured Excursion:** Hoorn walking tour

During your guided walking tour, you'll uncover the town's rich seafaring history, which is evident in its old harbor and admiralty buildings. For years Hoorn was a very prosperous center of trade and an important home base for the Dutch East India Company. The Hoorn fleet sailed the seven seas and returned laden with precious commodities. Dutch explorer Willem Schouten named the southern tip of South America, Cape Horn, after his hometown, when he arrived there in 1616. Another of Hoorn's notable 17th-century achievements is its lovely gabled houses, which you can still see today.

Back on the ship, you will cruise to Enkhuizen and its remarkable re-creation of 19th-century Dutch life and culture.

**Featured Excursion:** Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum

Enkhuizen was a bustling seaport town until 1932, when a dam closed off access to the North Sea and turned the Zuiderzee (South Sea) into what is now Lake IJssel. The center of town holds countless reminders of its importance as a Dutch East India Company town, though it relied on the herring fisheries for a living after the glory days of the company were over.

The Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum re-creates a small Dutch village of the 19th century, with buildings collected from all over the region—houses, cottages, warehouses, churches. You can watch people plying traditional crafts—drying fish, making rope or cheese or barrels—and see tall wooden sailing ships docked next to meadows where sheep graze. It truly feels as though you have left the 21st century behind and entered an extraordinarily charming past.

The museum has an indoor component as well, including a section devoted to shipbuilding and maritime history, and a gift shop stocked with unusual and well-chosen contemporary arts and crafts that is well worth a visit.

Alternatively, you can join us for a terrific optional excursion to learn about the historical and modern intricacies of Holland's flower industry.





**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Bulb-grower experience

In the early 17th century, amateur speculators in North Holland bet their land and farms to get in on the hottest new market on the commodities exchange: tulips. First imported from Turkey in the mid-1500s, the prized bloom became a luxury item and status symbol during the flourishing days of the Dutch Golden Age. Our optional excursion gives you the opportunity to take a trip inside the world of today's thriving flower industry.




A motorcoach will take you along the colorful and seemingly endless fields that lie between Enkhuizen and Hoorn. You will enjoy exclusive access to the flower fields and hear a local grower explain how flower bulbs are cultivated. You'll then drive further through this floricultural heartland to a local restaurant for some traditional Dutch apple pie and coffee. Then you'll see the warehouses and preparation department of one of the area's major bulb trading companies, where you'll receive an extensive, in-depth explanation of flower-bulb growing and trading. You'll discover the difference between a pre-cooled and non-cooled tulip, hear how to "force" a bulb, and learn about the destinations of flowers sent around the world.

## Day 5 | Nijmegen (Groesbeek or Venlo, Floriade) BB, L, D

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:**

National Liberation Museum    

**OR**

Full-day at Floriade\*   

Today you can either learn more about the Netherlands' WWII history during a guided tour of the National Liberation Museum in Groesbeek or take in the magnificent horticultural and artistic exhibits at Floriade 2012. Both options are sure to provide you with memories that will last a lifetime.

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** National Liberation Museum

After breakfast, you'll board a motorcoach for a short drive to Groesbeek and the National Liberation Museum. The museum's exhibits—many of which are interactive—allow visitors to experience what it was like to live through the period preceding

WWII, the Nazi occupation, the liberation, and the rebuilding of the Netherlands and Europe after the war. Highlights include an example of a secret closet for hiding and playing Radio Orange, a bird's-eye-view model of Operation Market Garden, a diorama of the Waal Crossing, and a roll of honor containing the names of all Allied soldiers who died between D-Day June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945.

After your tour of the museum, you'll return to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, you can stroll through Nijmegen, one of the oldest towns in the Netherlands. In Valkhof Park you'll see the remnants of Valkhof Castle, including the ruins of a chapel that Emperor Barbarossa had renovated in the 12th century. Antiquity, however, does not dominate Nijmegen; the university gives it a huge student population that keeps it young and lively.



#### **Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Full-day at Floriade

Take a motorcoach from the ship to Floriade Park for a full day of botanical bliss. Local guides will provide an introduction to Floriade's many offerings, and then you are free to immerse yourself in the myriad horticultural, artistic, and architectural exhibits. The 160-acre (64-ha) park is composed of five uniquely themed sections connected by wooded areas. Dozens of countries from around the globe offer exhibitions here; in addition to the stunning flowers, trees, fruits, and vegetables on display, each day features a cultural program of music, dance, literature, theater, and visual arts from participating nations. The bustling entrance boulevard is lined with booths that reflect the international nature of the event; it's a great place to shop for souvenirs and sample cuisine from around the world as you enjoy lunch on your own.

*\*Note: Lunch is not included with Floriade. March 23 and March 26 departures will not have the choice of visiting Floriade, as it opens April 5, 2012.*

#### **Day 6 | Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, Dordrecht BB, L, D**

**Featured Excursion:** Kinderdijk windmills  

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Visit famous Delft   

This morning you'll have some time to spend in Rotterdam, the second-largest city in the Netherlands. You'll cruise through Rotterdam harbor—the largest port in Europe—before going out to explore the city on your own. Much of Rotterdam's Old Town was destroyed during WWII; perhaps that's why Rotterdam, unlike many of the Netherlands' towns, is a thoroughly modern city known for its cutting-edge architecture.

Seek out the city's famous cube houses or visit one of its many museums.

Alternatively, you can join us on an optional excursion to famous Delft.

#### **Featured Excursion:** Kinderdijk windmills

You'll sail to Kinderdijk in the afternoon. Upon arrival, you'll meet your local guide pier-side and set out to discover the 19 astonishingly well-preserved windmills of Kinderdijk. Windmills are used for a variety of reasons, but they all have one thing in common: they harness the power of the wind. They are also iconic emblems of the Netherlands. At one point there were more than 10,000 windmills in the country. Prior to the building of the levees, the windmills were used to pump water from the land, thus lowering the water table and making the land habitable. Were it not for the mighty windmill, this region would have surrendered to water a long time ago.

You'll get a chance to enter one of Kinderdijk's historic windmills. To reach its upper level, you will need to climb a steep set of stairs; alternatively, you can simply admire the historic structure from the outside. There will be time for you to explore, take pictures, and visit the gift shop before returning to the ship.

*Note: If docking in Kinderdijk is not possible, the excursion will be arranged by motorcoach from Rotterdam.*

#### **Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Visit famous Delft

Delft is noteworthy for several reasons: it is the birthplace of world-renowned painter Johannes Vermeer, home to the famous blue Delft pottery, and the burial place of Dutch royalty. This exciting tour will begin with a short motorcoach ride from Rotterdam to Delft; along the way, your local guide will provide commentary about the many architectural styles you will pass on your way out of Rotterdam. After arriving in Delft, your guide will lead you into charming Oude Delft (Old Town). You will view Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) where William I—the first leader of the independent Dutch Republic—and more than 40 princes and princesses of the Dutch royal family are entombed. You'll stroll by Markt (Market Square) and the Renaissance-style Stadhuis (Town Hall), as well as Vermeer's house.

You'll then have some free time to explore this lovely town on your own before continuing on to the Royal Delft factory. Here you'll see porcelain painters at work and learn about what they do and the history of the factory. Delftware began

as a Dutch imitation of the Ming Dynasty porcelain that was first imported from China into the Netherlands in the early 17th century. Because of its excellent quality, Delft porcelain was honored with the prefix “Koninklijke” (Royal) by Queen Wilhelmina in 1919. The Royal Delft factory remains the only Delftware factory that produces “genuine Royal Delft.”

You’ll see reproductions of famous artworks, including Rembrandt’s *Night Watch*, made out of porcelain tiles, and the re-creation of a dining room from Vermeer’s time, laid out with Delft porcelain on the table and Delft tiles on the walls.

After you’ve had time to browse through the factory shops, motorcoaches will return you to the ship.

### Day 7 | Veere BB, L, D

**Featured Excursion:** Delta Works    

You’ll arrive in Veere in the morning and board a motorcoach bound for nearby Neeltje Jans to visit the engineering marvel known as the Deltawerken (Delta Works). Here you’ll see an exhibition detailing the 2,000-year history of the Netherlands’ struggle to protect low-lying lands from the sea; it explains how technology has evolved and demonstrates the striking modern methods employed today. At the visitor center, you’ll view a half-hour film about the Delta Works and its history. Then it’s on to the exhibition and the actual storm-surge barrier, a fascinating sight. After being awed by the stupendous power of the water and the ingenuity of the Dutch in their never-ending quest to control the elements, it will be time to return to the ship for a relaxing lunch.




Afterward, you’ll have a few hours to explore the Medieval charms of Veere and its cozy harbor. Wander through the central marketplace, where you can see centuries-old burghers’ houses, including the well-known Schotse Huizen (Scottish Houses). These late-Gothic trading houses were built around 1539. Today, they serve as a lovely museum displaying the regional antiquities, folklore, and life of the Zeeland province. Another standout is the bell tower of the 15th-century Gothic Stadhuis (Town Hall), which you can see from almost any point in town. Along the harbor stands Campveerse Toren (Campveer Tower), the historic tower gate built around 1358. More than 500 years ago, the tower became a popular inn and restaurant, and it still retains much of its handsome high-pitched gable.

### Day 8 | Ghent (Bruges or Ghent) BB, D

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:**

Full-day Bruges with canal cruise and walking tour   

**OR**

Ghent with canal cruise   

Your first day in Belgium offers you the chance to visit two national gems: beautiful Bruges, the capital of West Flanders and one of the best-preserved Medieval cities in Europe; or fascinating Ghent, the capital city of East Flanders, whose long history does not weigh upon its lively present.

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See Bruges’ UNESCO-designated city center as its original visitors did—aboard a canal boat—and discover why Bruges gives Amsterdam a run for its money as the “Venice of the North.”

First, you’ll take a motorcoach through the Belgian countryside to beautiful Bruges. The town grew up around a fort built by the first Count of Flanders as a defense against Viking invaders. By the 14th century, Bruges had become the center of the international cloth trade. Merchants and traders from around the world came to Bruges for Flemish cloth, and the town’s wealth of beautiful churches and mansions testify to its prosperity. The city also became a center of financial services, offering banking, money-changing, and maritime insurance.

Upon arrival you will meet up with a local expert to explore this Medieval gem on foot. Your guide will take you past the Begijnhof and the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk (Church of Our Lady) to the canal cruise terminal, where you’ll board boats for a cruise through Bruges’ picturesque canals. You’ll see the city as it was originally meant—to be seen from the water.

Afterward, you’ll proceed to Markt (Market Square), one of many such squares in Bruges. Overlooking Market Square is the Belfort (Belfry Tower), whose upper stories offer an incredible view of the city. You’ll have some free time for lunch and wandering around town. Bruges boasts a variety of restaurants from which to choose, or you might decide to do as the Belgians do and indulge in some *frites* (french fries) from a marketplace vendor. Shop for your favorite keepsakes, capture some memorable images, or just spend a while watching the locals go about their day.

Having enjoyed your leisure time in Bruges, you will rejoin your guide at the Belfry Tower. You'll then walk from the city center to the motorcoach for the ride back to the ship.

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### **Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Ghent with canal cruise

Archaeological evidence indicates that there were human settlements in Ghent as far back as the Stone and Iron ages. By the 13th century, Ghent was the second-largest city in Europe; only Paris was larger. As you'll see on your visit today, the city's Medieval architecture is remarkably well preserved, and Ghent's large car-free city center makes it a particularly pedestrian-friendly destination. The car-free center is just one of Ghent's progressive initiatives: the city has adopted a policy of no meat once a week to cut down on greenhouse gasses generated by livestock. Though the city abounds in historic architecture, there's nothing museum-like about Ghent: a hip student population supports a plethora of cutting-edge boutiques and galleries.

Board a motorcoach at Ghent harbor and make your way into the center of town with your guide. You'll arrive at Vlasmarkt, a square in the heart of the city, and see beautiful Sint-Jacobskerk (Church of St. James), which boasts two Romanesque towers. Disembarking your coach, you'll begin a guided walking tour of Ghent, starting at Vrijdagmarkt (Friday Market), one of the city's most historic squares. You'll continue to Groot Vleeshuis (Great Butchers' Hall), a splendid early-15th-century market where all of the city's meat was sold for more than 400 years. Next up are the elegant former trading houses whose magnificent 13th-, 14th-, and 15th-century façades line Graslei and Korenlei streets.



From here you'll hop onto a canal boat for an hour-long scenic canal cruise—the best and most relaxing way to take in Ghent's many architectural and historical highlights. After your cruise you'll head to Sint Baafskathedraal (St. Bavo Cathedral) to examine the famed Ghent Altarpiece, *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*. This stunning 15th-century artwork, which consists of 24 panels, was begun by Hubert van Eyck and completed after his death by his younger brother, Jan.



Your walking tour will conclude at Ghent's Belfort (Belfry). Through the centuries, this Medieval belfry has served not only as a bell tower announcing the time and sending out various public warnings, but also as a fortified watchtower and town treasury. Its upper floors provide spectacular views of the city. You'll have free time to enjoy lunch and explore

the city further on your own. Make sure to pop into some of Ghent's wonderful shops, which offer everything from fine Belgian chocolate and Flemish tapestries to hand-embroidered lace and gourmet mustard. Then you'll rejoin your guide, return to your coach, and head back to the ship.

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### Day 9 | Antwerp BB, L,

**Featured Excursion:** Antwerp walking tour with cathedral of Our Lady visit  

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Brussels   

Your ship will dock in Antwerp, the exciting diamond capital of the world, in the morning. Belgium's major port, Antwerp has a long history as an important commercial center. It was an exceptionally cosmopolitan city in the 17th century, and it is exceptionally cosmopolitan now.

**Featured Excursion:** Antwerp walking tour with Cathedral of Our Lady visit

Antwerp's historic city center is an easy walk from the ship. Local guides will take you inside the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekathedraal (Cathedral of Our Lady), an amazing Gothic church built from 1352 to 1521, which is considered one of the most beautiful structures in Belgium. It also houses four masterworks by the Belgian artist Peter Paul Rubens, who lived in Antwerp most of his life.

You'll then visit Grote Markt (Market Square) in the middle of the city, which is surrounded by stunning guild houses that boast 16th-century façades topped by gilded figures. You'll see the House of the Crossbowmen, the tallest guild house, which is surmounted by figures of St. George and the Dragon. Next is the Coopers' House, whose statue of St. Matthew looks down on all who pass by. In the middle of Grote Markt, don't miss the Brabo Fountain; it is from a legend involving Brabo that Antwerp received its name. The story goes that a giant named Antigonus began cutting off the hands of any passing sailors who refused to pay a toll. One day he met his match when a man named Brabo, outraged at being asked to pay the toll, ripped the giant's hands off and threw them in the Scheldt River; Antwerp literally means "hand throw."

At the end of the tour, you may decide Antwerp is so inviting that you want to see more. You can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. You might check out the unusual boutiques in the pedestrians-only zone; Antwerp is a hub of avant-garde

fashion, so these shops are full of unique clothing. The city was home to an astounding number of artistic geniuses in the 16th and 17th centuries, among them Brueghel, Van Dyck, and Rubens. You can explore exquisite museums devoted to their work on your own. Your local guide can provide some excellent insights: where to buy diamonds, the names of the best Belgian ales, and the best places to find Belgian *frites* (french fries) and waffles.

After lunch onboard your ship, complimentary shuttles will be ready to take you to the largest diamond showroom in Antwerp, Diamondland. Antwerp has been dubbed the “Diamond Center of the World,” and a visit to Diamondland will show you why. You will see some of the world’s finest diamond setters, polishers, and goldsmiths at work. Naturally, you’ll also be able to shop the showcases, which display more than 1,500 jewelry pieces and loose diamonds.

If you’ve always wanted to visit Brussels, then instead of going to Diamondland, you might prefer our optional excursion to the exciting capital of Art Nouveau.

#### **Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Brussels

Brussels, the capital of Belgium, also serves as headquarters for most of the European Union’s institutions and is the political seat of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Your panoramic tour of the city will take you past Fort Breendonk, once a concentration camp and now a museum; the Royal Residence; the Chinese Pavilion and Japanese Tower; the Royal Botanical Gardens; Heysel Park; and the Royal Church of Laken. You’ll continue through the center of Brussels, seeing the Brussels Willebroek complex, the Basilica of Koekelberg, the former Botanical Gardens, and the Botanical Palace. You’ll stop for a photo op at the Column of Congress and memorials to the unknown soldiers from both WWI and WWII.

The drive will then move along Rue de la Loi, where you’ll see the Federal Parliament, the US Embassy, and Royal Park. You will proceed to Quartier Leopold (named for the first Belgian king), which is the European Parliament district today. Other points of interest along the way include the Art Nouveau house of artist Paul Cauchie, who decorated the façade with a representation of the Nine Muses, Royal Park, Place Royal, and the Belgian Supreme Court.

Arriving at Rue Lombard, you’ll leave the motorcoach and walk to the famed Manneken Pis fountain and Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you’ll have some free time to shop or snack. Finally, it’s on to Brussel-Centraal (Central Station), passing Koninklijke Sint-Hubertusgalerijen (St. Hubert Gallery)—a 19th-century shopping gallery—and the Spanjeplein (Square of Spain), which features monuments to the Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes and Hungarian composer Béla Bartók. At the station, you’ll reboard your motorcoach. As you leave Brussels, your guide will point out St. Michael’s Church and the National Bank of Belgium.

A special Captain’s Farewell Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

#### **Day 10 | Depart Antwerp, transfer to Brussels CB/BB**

Disembark the ship in Antwerp. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Brussels International Airport for your flight home.



# Tulips & Windmills

Antwerp to Amsterdam | 10 Days

**Seas of flowers, picturesque windmills, and the balmy days of spring combine for a memorable cruise**



All the things that come to mind when you think of the Netherlands and Belgium—colorful canals, whimsical windmills, vibrant tulips, rich maritime history, the art of Rubens and Rembrandt—are yours to experience in all their real-life glory.

This perfectly paced springtime cruise takes you to the historic windmills of Kinderdijk; the Belgian treasures of Bruges or Ghent; the 70-acre Keukenhof Gardens, which boast more than seven million flowers; and museums rich in art by the famed Dutch masters. While visiting Enkhuizen and Hoorn, you'll discover the impressive maritime history of this proud seafaring region. Stroll through trendy Antwerp and cosmopolitan Amsterdam, and learn about Dutch art, WWII history, and the Netherlands' struggle against the sea on three guided museum visits. And, this year only, you can indulge in the horticultural paradise that is Floriade 2012: a spectacular international display of flowers, plants, art, culture, and pioneering architecture that happens just once every 10 years in the Netherlands—this year in Venlo.

## Day 1 | Brussels, transfer to Antwerp

Arrive at Brussels International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship in Antwerp.

## Day 2 | Antwerp BB, L,

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#### Day 5 | Rotterdam, Kinderdijk BB, L, D

**Featured Excursion:** Kinderdijk windmills  

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Visit famous Delft



This morning, if you choose, you'll have time to explore Rotterdam, the second-largest city in the Netherlands. You'll begin with a cruise through Rotterdam harbor—the largest port in Europe—before venturing into the city on your own. Much of Rotterdam's Old Town was destroyed during WWII; perhaps that's why Rotterdam, unlike many of the Netherlands' towns, is a thoroughly modern city known for its cutting-edge architecture. Seek out the city's famous cube houses or stroll through one of its many museums.

Alternatively, you can join us on an optional excursion to famous Delft.

**Featured Excursion:** Kinderdijk windmills

You'll sail to Kinderdijk in the afternoon. Upon arrival, you'll meet your local guide pier-side and set out to discover the 19 astonishingly well-preserved windmills of Kinderdijk. Windmills are used for a variety of reasons, but they all have one thing in common: they harness the power of the wind. They are also emblems of the Netherlands. At one point there were more than 10,000 windmills in the country. Prior to the building of the levees, the windmills were used to pump water from the land, thus lowering the water table and making the land habitable. Were it not for the mighty windmill, this region would have surrendered to water a long time ago.

You'll get a chance to enter one of Kinderdijk's historic windmills. To reach its upper level, you will need to climb a steep set of stairs; alternatively, you can simply admire the historic structure from the outside. There will be time for you to explore, take pictures, and visit the gift shop before returning to the ship.

*Note: If docking in Kinderdijk is not possible, the excursion will be arranged by motorcoach from Rotterdam.*

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Visit famous Delft

Delft is noteworthy for several reasons: it is the birthplace of world-renowned painter Johannes Vermeer, home to the famous blue Delft pottery, and the burial place of Dutch royalty. This exciting tour will begin with a short motorcoach ride from Rotterdam to Delft; along the way, your local guide


will provide commentary about the many architectural styles you will pass on your way out of Rotterdam. After arriving in Delft, your guide will lead you into charming Oude Delft (Old Town). You will view Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) where William I—the first leader of the independent Dutch Republic—and more than 40 princes and princesses of the Dutch royal family are entombed. You'll stroll by Markt (Market Square) and the Renaissance-style Stadhuis (Town Hall), as well as Vermeer's house.

You'll then have some free time to explore this lovely town on your own before continuing on to the Royal Delft factory. Here you'll see porcelain painters at work and learn about what they do and the history of the factory. Delftware began as a Dutch imitation of the Ming Dynasty porcelain that was first imported from China into the Netherlands in the early 17th century. Because of its excellent quality, Delft porcelain was honored with the prefix "Koninklijke" (Royal) by Queen Wilhelmina in 1919. The Royal Delft factory remains the only Delftware factory that produces "genuine Royal Delft."




You'll see reproductions of famous artworks, including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*, made out of porcelain tiles, and the re-creation of a dining room from Vermeer's time, laid out with Delft porcelain on the table and with Delft tiles on the walls. After you've had time to browse through the factory shops, motorcoaches will return you to the ship.

#### Day 6 | Nijmegen (Groesbeek or Venlo, Floriade) BB, L, D

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:**

National Liberation Museum    

**OR**

Full-day at Floriade\*   

Today you can either learn more about the Netherlands' WWII history during a guided tour of the National Liberation Museum in Groesbeek or take in the magnificent horticultural and artistic exhibits at Floriade 2012. Both options are sure to provide you with memories that will last a lifetime.

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** National Liberation Museum

After breakfast, you'll board a motorcoach for a short drive to Groesbeek and the National Liberation Museum. The museum's exhibits—many of which are interactive—allow visitors to experience what it was like to live through the period preceding WWII, the Nazi occupation, the liberation, and the rebuilding of the Netherlands and Europe after the war.

Highlights include an example of a secret closet for hiding and playing Radio Orange, a bird's-eye-view model of Operation Market Garden, a diorama of the Waal Crossing, and a roll of honor containing the names of all Allied soldiers who died between D-Day June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945.

After your tour of the museum, you'll return to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, you can stroll through Nijmegen, one of the oldest towns in the Netherlands. In Valkhof Park you'll see the remnants of Valkhof Castle, including the ruins of a chapel that Emperor Barbarossa had renovated in the 12th century. Antiquity, however, does not dominate Nijmegen; the university gives it a huge student population that keeps it young and lively.




**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Full-day at Floriade

Take a motorcoach from the ship to Floriade Park for a full day of botanical bliss. Local guides will provide an introduction to Floriade's many offerings, and then you'll have free time to immerse yourself in the myriad horticultural, artistic, and architectural exhibits. The 160-acre (64-ha) park is composed of five uniquely themed sections connected by wooded areas. Dozens of countries from around the globe offer exhibitions here; in addition to the stunning array of flowers, trees, fruits, and vegetables on display, each day features a cultural program of music, dance, literature, theater, and visual art from participating nations. The bustling entrance boulevard is lined with booths that reflect the international nature of the event; it's a great place to shop for souvenirs and sample cuisine from around the world as you enjoy lunch on your own.

*\*Note: Lunch is not included with Floriade.*

Day 7 | **Hoorn, Enkhuizen BB, L, D**

**Featured Excursion:** Hoorn walking tour  

**Featured Excursion:** Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum   

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Bulb-grower experience



Today offers you a chance to discover the Netherlands' maritime history, with visits to two towns linked to the Dutch East India Company, which dominated Europe's trade with Asia for centuries, and to learn a little about the daily lives of the Dutch in the 19th century.

**Featured Excursion:** Hoorn walking tour

During your guided walking tour of Hoorn, you'll uncover the town's rich seafaring history, which is evident in its old harbor

and admiralty buildings. Hoorn was a very prosperous center of trade and an important home base for the Dutch East India Company for many years. The Hoorn fleet sailed the seven seas and returned laden with precious commodities. Dutch explorer Willem Schouten named the southern tip of South America, Cape Horn, after his hometown, when he arrived there in 1616. Another of Hoorn's notable 17th-century achievements is its lovely gabled houses, which you can still see today.

Back on the ship, you will cruise to Enkhuizen and its remarkable re-creation of 19th-century Dutch life and culture.

**Featured Excursion:** Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum

Enkhuizen was a bustling seaport town until 1932, when a dam closed off access to the North Sea and turned the shallow Zuiderzee (South Sea) into what is now Lake IJssel. The center of town holds countless reminders of its importance as a Dutch East India Company town, though it relied on the herring fisheries for a living after the glory days of the company were over.

The Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum re-creates a small Dutch village of the 19th century, with buildings collected from all over the region—houses, cottages, warehouses, churches. You can watch people plying traditional crafts—drying fish, making rope or cheese or barrels—and see tall wooden sailing ships docked next to meadows where sheep graze. It truly feels as though you have left the 21st century behind and entered an extraordinarily charming past.

The museum has an indoor component as well, including a section devoted to shipbuilding and maritime history, and a gift shop stocked with unusual and well-chosen contemporary arts and crafts that is well worth a visit.

Alternatively, you can join us for a terrific optional excursion to learn about the historical and modern intricacies of Holland's flower industry.



**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Bulb-grower experience

In the early 17th century, amateur speculators in North Holland bet their farms to get in on the hottest new market on the commodities exchange: tulips. First imported from Turkey in the mid-1500s, the prized bloom became a luxury item and status symbol during the flourishing days of the Dutch Golden Age. Our optional excursion gives you the opportunity to take a trip inside the world of today's thriving flower industry.




A motorcoach will take you along the colorful and seemingly endless fields that lie between Enkhuizen and Hoorn. You will enjoy exclusive access to the flower fields and learn about flower bulb cultivation from a local grower. You'll then drive further through this floricultural heartland to a local restaurant for some traditional Dutch apple pie and coffee. Then it's on to the warehouses and preparation department of one of the area's major bulb-trading companies, where you'll receive an extensive, in-depth explanation of flower-bulb growing and trading. You'll discover the difference between a pre-cooled and non-cooled tulip, learn how to "force" a bulb, and hear about the destinations of flowers sent around the world.

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### **Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:**

Full-day Keukenhof Gardens   

### **OR**

Half-day Zaanse Schans combined with half-day Keukenhof Gardens   

Today you'll get to visit one of the most photographed sites on the planet: Keukenhof Gardens, where spring bursts forth in all of its colorful, fragrant majesty. The amount of time you spend at Keukenhof is up to you: true horticultural enthusiasts can make it a full-day outing, while those who are interested in discovering a bit more of Holland's history can spend a half day at Zaanse Schans—an extraordinary living-history village—before visiting the famed gardens. The choice is yours!

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Full-day Keukenhof Gardens

With more than seven million bulbs planted on 70 acres (28-ha), Keukenhof Gardens, which is open for only a few weeks each year, is one of the most impressive public gardens in the world. There are literally millions of beautiful, colorful blooms—narcissi, hyacinths, and tulips, among others—to see and smell. Local guides will be on hand to enlighten you about the features of this amazing park, and you'll also have plenty of free time to explore the site's many exhibits—including the largest sculpture garden in the Netherlands—at your leisure.

More than 90% of the world's commercial flowers come from this region, and you can take in a boat ride through the growing fields that adjoin the park; you'll find the dock for the "whisper" boats behind the Keukenhof windmill. If you choose to do this, plan to spend about an hour cruising almost silently along shallow waterways, surrounded by acres of spectacular flowers.

After you've seen all of the vibrant blossoms and perhaps even bought some seeds or bulbs for growing your own beauties back home, you'll meet up with your guide and return to the ship in Zaandam.

*Note: If you're thinking about buying bulbs from Keukenhof or perhaps having items shipped home, make sure the vendor provides the documentation necessary for import of bulbs or plants into your home country. Rules for import of flower bulbs and plants vary from country to country.*

*Note: Box lunches will be provided to allow guests more time in Keukenhof Gardens.*

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Half-day Zaanse Schans combined with half-day Keukenhof Gardens

About 9 miles (14 km) north of Amsterdam, Zaanse Schans, is a charming village on the banks of the river Zaan. Though it's often referred to as an open-air museum, Zaanse Schans is actually a living, working hamlet where the traditional crafts of the region are still practiced.





Even the Dutch call Zaanse Schans "Holland in a Nutshell," and they bring their children here to show them how their families lived a century ago. A short motorcoach ride will carry you back in time to this living-history village, complete with a working windmill (the operator will take you on a tour of it, so you can see how it works from the inside). Traditional Dutch arts and crafts are preserved in the pretty houses lining the dike, and your guide will introduce you to some of the highlights. You can watch *klompen*, or wooden clogs, being made—go ahead, try on a pair; it's fun!—and visit a little cheese farm to see how cheese is made. You'll get to taste it, too. After the tour, stop by the distillery to see liquors being distilled in the traditional way, with glass and copper retorts; you can also see how grocery stores and bakeries looked in 1900 by stepping into these re-created shops (and buy yourself a fresh-baked treat at the same time). You may find some irresistible souvenirs at these village shops as you ramble around on your own.

You'll return to the ship for lunch before heading out to Keukenhof Gardens. Upon arrival, you'll be led on a guided tour through the themed sections of the gardens. After that you'll have free time to wander the paths on your own. Take in the sights and scents of the millions of gorgeous blooms that surround you, and don't forget to check out the Walk of Fame, which features tulips named after well-known figures. At the end of the day you'll meet back up with your guide and return to the coach for your ride back to the ship.




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Day 9 | Amsterdam  BB, L, 

### Choice Is Yours Featured Excursions:

Rijksmuseum visit    

OR

Van Gogh Museum visit    

**Featured Excursion:** Amsterdam city tour with canal cruise



**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Hidden Gardens of Amsterdam



Spend the last full day of your springtime adventure in Holland's largest city, Amsterdam, which is rich in art, architecture, bridges, canals, cobblestone streets, narrow alleyways, bicycles, beer, and museums. Here, even the simplest of shops has a distinctive charm, and every street has a story to tell.

Begin your day with a guided tour of either the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh Museum. Afterward, enjoy a panoramic tour of Amsterdam and an exciting canal cruise. Amsterdam's waterways are an integral part of the city's history, and a canal cruise is the most relaxing way to see the city's breathtaking sights.

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Rijksmuseum visit

Hop aboard a motorcoach for a guided drive to the famed Rijksmuseum. Along the way you'll pass the majestic De Gooyer Windmill, an 18th-century grain mill that is one of just a handful of windmills remaining in and around Amsterdam. Once at the Rijksmuseum, you'll enjoy a guided tour of the largest and most renowned collection of Dutch and Flemish art and artifacts in the world. On display is Rembrandt's famous painting *The Night Watch*, as well as Vermeer's *The Kitchen Maid* and *Woman Reading a Letter*. After the tour, you'll have some time to explore the museum on your own before heading down to the Rijksmuseum pier to begin your canal cruise.

**Choice Is Yours Featured Excursion:** Van Gogh Museum visit

During your guided motorcoach ride to the Van Gogh Museum you'll pass the 18th-century De Gooyer Windmill and the Tropenmuseum (Tropical Museum), whose exhibits focus on the cultures of tropical areas around the world. You'll then take a guided tour of the Van Gogh Museum, which features

more than 200 paintings by the Post-Impressionist master as well as drawings, etchings, prints, and correspondence. While only one of Vincent van Gogh's paintings sold during his lifetime, his work is now recognized as some of the most extraordinary of the 19th century. The museum will open early for you so you can beat the crowds on their way to see *The Potato Eaters*, *The Yellow House in Arles*, and several of his famous self-portraits. After your tour, enjoy free time in the museum before heading outside to set off on a fabulous canal cruise.

**Featured Excursion:** Amsterdam city tour with canal cruise

Board a canal boat and embark on an expertly guided tour of Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North." You'll sail down Prinsengracht and Keizersgracht, two of the city's three main canals, which were dug in the 17th century during the Dutch Golden Age. The canals are lined with stately historic houses and over 1,500 monumental buildings. Among the notable sights you'll see are the Anne Frank House and nearby Westerkerk (Western Church), which boasts the tallest church tower in Amsterdam. You'll sail to Amsterdam Harbor and continue on to Amstel River—the river that gave the city its name. Here you'll see the Magere Brug (Skinny Bridge), which you might recognize from the 1971 James Bond film *Diamonds Are Forever*, before disembarking.

Upon the conclusion of your canal cruise, you'll board a waiting motorcoach and return to your ship. Your route will take you past more of Amsterdam's most memorable sights: expansive Dam Square, the historical center of Amsterdam and the site of Madame Tussauds wax museum; Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), a 15th-century church used for royal inaugurations and weddings; the former Jewish quarter with its Sephardic and Ashkenazi synagogues; the soaring white Nederlands Nationaal Monument (Dutch National Monument); and the Neoclassical Koninklijk Paleis (Royal Palace). You'll also see the Munttoren (Mint Tower)—which was originally a gate tower in Medieval Amsterdam's city wall and got its name from the years it spent as the city mint in the 17th century.

After lunch onboard, venture out to explore Amsterdam on your own in the afternoon. Visit the Anne Frank House and rove around the nearby Jordaan district, where you'll find delightful little boutiques. Stop by the newly remodeled Maritime Museum; ramble through the Nieuwmarkt, which, despite its name, is one of the oldest parts of the city; or tour the Royal Palace on Dam Square. Amsterdam is full of wonders waiting for you to uncover them.

Or you could join us for a walking discovery of some of the city's hidden gardens.

**Irresistible Optional Excursion:** Hidden Gardens of Amsterdam

You'll set out with your guide for the Museum Van Loon, a remarkable house museum that lets you see how wealthy Amsterdam merchant families have lived over the centuries. Willem Van Loon was a founder of the Dutch East India Company, and the family's history can be seen in the portraits, silver, porcelain and beautiful furniture found throughout the house. In the rear, a formal and very beautiful garden leads the eye to the classical façade of the coach house, which has just been turned into a gallery and newly opened to the public. This combination—house, garden, and coach house—makes the Museum Van Loon unique; no other house museum in the city has managed to keep all three elements intact.

Then we'll continue on foot, passing the floating flower market on Singel Canal, to the Begijnhof, a residential court dating to the 14th century that was founded by Beguines—religious women who formed communities devoted to good works, particularly the care of the sick, in the high Middle Ages. These women were not nuns; they retained their own property and could leave the community at will, though they took vows of chastity and attended mass daily. Each woman could have her own dwelling, and here in Amsterdam, the Beguines built town houses around a courtyard. Though the Beguines disbanded many centuries ago, their Begijnhof remains: a serene grassy courtyard surrounded by 47 town houses, including the oldest wooden house in Amsterdam. It's an oasis of quiet just steps from the city's bustle. You'll learn something of the Beguines' unique history before we continue to the Amsterdam Museum, where we'll take a break at the Mokum Café, located in a lovely colonnaded courtyard, for coffee and Dutch apple pie.

Following the tour, the guide will take you back to the ship or you can remain in the city center to explore further on your own.

*Note: The Museum Van Loon is closed on April 30.*

A special Captain's Farewell Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

*Note: Sightseeing itinerary might be reversed depending upon availability of time slots at the Rijksmuseum.*

**Day 10 | Depart Amsterdam CB/BB**  

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for your flight home.

# Tour and General Information

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What about the weather?

Prepare for a variety of weather conditions, depending on your travel season and the river you will be cruising on. Layering clothing items is always your best bet, as this allows each person to adjust to any temperature, including artificially maintained temperature, by removing or adding items throughout the day.

### What should I wear ashore?

Comfortable, sporty, smart-casual daywear is appropriate both onshore and onboard. For holiday season departures, you'll find that coats, sweatshirts, heavier cotton or wool tops and long-sleeved shirts, and corduroy or heavy khaki pants perfectly suitable. You will find a significant amount of walking over uneven terrain during your time ashore. We recommend comfortable walking shoes with good ankle support. Don't forget to pack a waterproof jacket (preferably hooded), or even a heavier-weight coat for colder temperatures.

### I have concerns about my physical ability.

#### What do I do?

Guests with mobility concerns need to discuss their concerns with Uniworld staff in advance of their departure. Guests requiring the use of a mobility device, such as a wheelchair, motorized scooter, or walker, may not be able to participate in many shore excursions or use them onboard the ships. Also, guests who may be limited in their ability to walk long distances may also have difficulties as there is often uneven terrain on many shore excursions.

### How accurate are the shore excursion/tour descriptions?

Uniworld does everything possible to ensure that shore excursions are performed as promoted and as outlined in the previous pages. In certain circumstances or for reasons beyond the control of Uniworld, it may not be possible or practical for the excursion to be performed exactly as written. The decision to not operate, to alter the operation, change content, and/or otherwise adjust or modify any element of the excursion as advertised is at the sole discretion of Uniworld, always taking into account the safety and best interests of

the guests, and the intent of the overall product delivery. Any such modifications to excursions will not result in eligibility for a refund.

### **Can the itinerary change? What happens if it does change?**

You can count on the value of Uniworld's experience and regional knowledge to make sure you enjoy your cruise/tour even when conditions beyond our control occur. The very nature of a river, its sources, and networks of bridges and locks means that there will be times when weather or other conditions in a region require Uniworld to make adjustments and modifications to the operation of an itinerary. Although every effort is made to keep itineraries as advertised, Uniworld reserves the right to make changes and substitutions as may be necessary to ensure the safety of our guests and the vessels. Itineraries may need to be altered specifically because of water levels. Time permitting, every possible effort will be made to alert guests in advance of boarding of any known changes. Otherwise, all guests will be informed onboard of changes and amendments. Any changes to itineraries, including the addition of extensive motorcoach touring to effect delivery of the intended itinerary operation, will not result in eligibility for a refund.

### **What time will excursions depart?**

All shore excursions are carefully coordinated to the ship's daily schedule. Just prior to dinner each evening, or perhaps earlier, your Cruise Manager will brief all guests about what activities will take place the next day. This briefing includes information about departure times, specifics about the shore excursions/tours not covered in this booklet, suggested shopping and restaurant recommendations, and other important information about the port of call. In addition to the briefing, a daily program will be distributed to each guest's stateroom every evening. This program provides a written overview of all events taking place the next day—whether onboard or ashore.

### **How can I book the optional excursions listed in the booklet?**

Reservations for the optional excursions on your cruise can be made directly with your Cruise Manager onboard the ship. Charges for optional excursions will be added to your onboard account. On pre- and post-cruise extensions, payment for optional excursions will be made directly with your Local Host via credit cards. We cannot accept cash payments for optional excursions. A briefing will be held the day prior to

go over any information you may need to make an informed purchase decision. Operation of optional excursions is subject to a minimum number of participants. No refunds are available for any optional excursions canceled by the guest within 24 hours of the start of the excursion, or if the excursion was pre-purchased.

### **Does each motorcoach or walking group have its own tour guide?**

Yes. Each motorcoach or walking group has its own English-speaking local tour guide. Uniworld tries very hard to ensure that our guides are of the highest quality, well-versed in their subjects, and most of all, making sure that you have the best possible time ashore.

### **What about tipping?**

Gratuities should always be in accordance with each guest's personal satisfaction. And Uniworld endeavors to work with the best local guides available. Please refer to the "Gratuities" section of this book for specific recommendations and guidelines.

### **What is the transportation like on excursions?**

Uniworld works with some of the world's best tour companies, all of which are chosen with exact standards in mind. To ensure your maximum enjoyment of each excursion, all motorcoaches seat 40 – 45 people and are air-conditioned whenever possible. There are a few destinations where the equipment may not be of a similar standard and, in such cases, the best possible transportation will be arranged. Rest stops are provided throughout the course of the excursion, as most motorcoaches used for excursions will not have onboard toilets.

### **Is smoking allowed on shore excursions/tours?**

Smoking is not allowed while on the motorcoach, and many historical venues now request that visitors not smoke anywhere on site. We ask all our guests who smoke not to do so while on excursions/tours.

### **Responsibility and Waiver**

The Passenger accepts the terms and conditions of the Passenger Ticket Contract when participating in any organized shore excursion/tour that is provided by Uniworld. Participation in some shore excursions or tours may also be subject to an independent operator's own Terms and Conditions.



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